

Pharmacy VALOR Program

A VA Learning Opportunity Residency Program located at the Stratton VA Medical Center, Albany, New York

For “Outstanding Pharmacy Students” who have completed the second professional year (or 4 completed semesters Hrs equivalent in a year round program)

PURPOSE: To develop competencies in pharmacy practice while working at an approved VA healthcare facility. Opportunities for learning include didactic or class-room experiences, competency-based clinical practice with a qualified pharmacist-preceptor, and participation in pharmacy practice conferences. Clinical experience includes: Anticoagulation, LIPID, Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agent and Pharmacoeconomics Clinics .

<http://www.visn2.va.gov/students/paid.asp>

ELIGIBILITY:

- ☀ Pharmacy students who have completed the second professional year
- ☀ Minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (based on professional training/core pharmacy courses)
- ☀ Able to complete a minimum of 400 hours as a Pharmacy VALOR student in a VA facility
- ☀ A United States citizen
- ☀ Meet physical exam standards at the time of entry
- ☀ Do not have a service obligation to any Federal, State, or Private Institution or recipient of any Federal Scholarship

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- ☀ Request an application for Federal Employment from:
VA Healthcare Network
113 Holland Avenue
MC # 119-Pharmacy
Albany, NY 12208
Lesa Paulsen-Cortes, PharmD
518-626-6313
- ☀ To submit a completed application, refer to the website listed above. Also include current transcripts and a letter from the Dean of Pharmacy.

The letter should include:

- ☀ Nomination of the Student to the VALOR program
- ☀ Verification of enrollment as a full time student
- ☀ Successful completion of P2 year prior to entering program
- ☀ Expected graduation within two years after entry into the VALOR program.

APPOINTMENT & PAY:

- ☀ VALOR Program students will be appointed at per annum training rates equal to 80% of the actual salary rate for GS9, Step 1, Step 1 (\$47,448 x .80% = \$37,958 annum)
Appointments may be full or part-time/intermittent basis
- ☀ VALOR students who become registered PharmDs may be hired at a salary rate above the minimum, based on superior qualifications such as documented outstanding performance in the VALOR Program
- ☀ Students selected for the program will be notified by April 9, 2010.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 2, 2010

QUESTIONS? Contact Lesa Paulsen-Cortes, PharmD RPh at 518-626-6313